

Written statement of a non-key decision
Director of Resources and Assurance

Title	Drawdown of funds for VMWare Host Replacement project
Decision maker	Director of Resources and Assurance
Date of decision	22 July 2024
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	To seek agreement to draw down the £247,500 funds identified in the 2024/25 capital budget to replace the ageing computer server equipment with manufacturer supported equipment, to allow security and operational integrity to be maintained, in line with emerging vulnerabilities and Cyber Security threats.
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>a) Agreement to draw down the funds identified in the 2024/25 capital budget (£247,500) to replace ageing server hosting equipment;</p> <p>b) Authority be delegated to the Herefordshire Council Head of ICT and Digital to take all operational decisions to implement the above recommendation.</p>
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50048028
Options considered	1. The council could decide not replace the VMWare. This option is not recommended as the risk of security and hardware failure will increase over time. Risk of security compromise will increase over time as cyber security threats and vulnerabilities for the ageing technologies emerge.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	26 July 2024

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Head of Strategic Finance (Rachael Hart)

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.